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A Message from the Chairman

We are excited to present the 6th Annual Hudson Valley Irish Fest. Four years ago, a primary goal was realized with the opening of the Hudson Valley Irish Center at the Red School House in Verplanck. Our home helps us to preserve the Irish American culture, music, theatre, history and heritage that abound in the lower Hudson Valley. Proceeds from the Hudson Valley Irish Fest, a not for profit charitable organization, support the Hudson Valley Irish Center as well as establishment of Irish heritage, literary and media sections in our local libraries. In 2013, through donations of books and material, we established our own Hudson Valley Irish Library at the Center, open to the public on selected weekends. In 2012, we introduced the "Jack McAndrew Memorial Traditional Tent" with a stellar assembly

of the best Traditional Irish Musicians, Singers and Storytellers from the Lower Hudson Valley & beyond. Each year, Dance schools Sheahan-Gormely School of Dance and Kelly Oster School of Irish Dance entertain visitors with their terrific talent. The Jack McAndrew Memorial Traditional Tent features fine artists and historical displays. Jack McAndrew, lifelong advocate for all things Irish and an AOH Division 18 member, passed away in 2012. For decades, Jack kept Irish traditional music alive in the Lower Hudson Valley with the legendary Rising of the Moon Seisun at Jimmy Guinan's in Garrison, and other venues, and now at The Quiet Man Public House in Downtown Peekskill. Late folk hero Pete Seeger visited the Rising of the Moon seisuin encouraging others to support Jack's labor of

love. It is our hope that the Jack McAndrew Memorial Traditional Tent will inspire future participants and continue our labor of love, the promotion of Irish music and culture in the Lower Hudson Valley.

The Hudson Valley Irish Fest Inc. is co-sponsored by the Division 18, Peekskill Ancient Order of Hibernians & Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and is a member of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce and is grateful to our patron, The Consulate General of Ireland NY & the Irish Abroad Unit of the Irish Foreign Affairs Dept.

We welcome you, your family and friends to join us at the Fest and our upcoming events at the Center!

Dan Dennehy, Chairman



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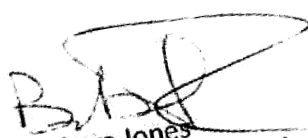
MESSAGE FROM CONSUL GENERAL OF IRELAND

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes to Hudson Valley Irish Fest on the occasion of your sixth annual Festival.

The Irish Government provides assistance to Hudson Valley Irish Fest through its Emigrant Support Programme. I and my Consulate colleagues would like to add our voices to that support; we wish every success to the Festival's organising committee and to all those who participate in the Festival each year.

Your hard work and dedication ensure that this rich presentation of Irish music, arts, crafts and culture continues to enhance the preservation and celebration of Ireland's heritage in the Hudson Valley region.

Comhgháirdeas agus go n-éirí an t-ádh libh go léir!


Barbara Jones
Consul General of Ireland
20th September 2014





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The Hudson Valley Irish Fest uses your donations to fund the Fest operations, donations to support local charities, and in the creation of the Hudson Valley Irish Center, located in the "Red School House" on the 2nd Floor of 210 Sixth Street in Verplanck, NY. The "Red School House" is an historical building dating to 1876 and built as a labor of love by the local Irish community who were involved in the brick-making industry of the time.

The Hudson Valley Irish Center nows holds an extensive library of Irish literature and historic documents. The Hudson Valley Irish Library includes the collections of stalwarts Ray Bermingham and Ray O'Hanlon, editor of Irish Echo newspaper. Our Library curator, Liam Murphy, eagerly awaits donations from writers, publishers and private donors.

Following the 2009 Hudson Valley Irish Fest a joint donation with the Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade Committee to the Peekskill Field Library created the Dr. John McGurty, Sr. Literature and Media center dedicated to Irish history, literature and culture. Increased membership and activity in our local Irish organizations, Ancient Order of

Hibernians Division 18 and the formation of the new Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 18 can be directly attributed to the Fest.

We are members of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce and we're proud to each year share the date with the Rotary Horse Show located nearby at Blue Mountain.

The Hudson Valley Irish Center are grateful to our patrons, the Irish Abroad Unit of the



The Hudson Valley Irish Center organized trips to help aid victims of Hurricane Sandy.



Department of Foreign Affairs and the Consulate General of Ireland New York. We wish Mr and Mrs. Noel Kilkenny well in Ambassador Kilkenny's new post in Greece. We thank the Consul General for each year presenting a Heritage Grant from the Irish government to enable us to continue a series of programs that promote Irish and Irish American heritage, culture, music, arts and literature in the Hudson Valley Irish Center and the Lower Hudson Valley.

We welcome you to join us at the Hudson Valley Irish Fest Center.



All Best Wishes from

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2014 6th Annual Fest Band Lineup

Lineup for Main Stage 2014 Hudson Valley Irish Fest

On Our Main Stage

- 11:00 am Rising of the Moon Seisiun
(led by John Mahon in a tribute to Jack McAndrew)
- 12:00 pm Jameson's Revenge
(It's a New York thing, HVIF favorites!)
- 2:00 pm Black 47
(In their LAST show in the Hudson Valley and FAREWELL HVIF APPEARANCE)
- 4:00 pm The Druids (The Rebel's Return to Peekskill)
- 5:00 pm 'The Bard of the Hudson' Tim Murphy & his Friends perform Firefighters Creed with our Massed Pipe Bands
- 5:45 pm Mundy
(Ireland's Hitmaker Top single 'Galway Girl')

During intervals on main stage, our area's finest Pipe Bands and Step dancers will entertain the main stage area (Schedule subject to change)

- 11:00 am Pipes & Drums of the Firefighters Emerald Society Of Westchester
(11 am on the nose)
- 11:50 am Pipes & Drums of the Police Emerald Society Of Westchester
- 3:50 pm Hudson Highlands Pipe Band
- 5:15 pm Massed Pipe Bands for Firefighter's Creed with Tim Murphy and Pipe Major Joe Brady

The 6th Annual Hudson Valley Irish Festival will feature performances by several top Irish recording artists and bands including Mundy, Black 47, Jameson's Revenge, Mary Courtney, and Direct from Ireland, The Druids, special surprise artists and featuring Tim Murphy performing the stirring "Firefighter's Creed." Our area's finest Irish step-dancers brought to us courtesy of Unateresa Sheahan Gormely (main stage) and Kelly- Oster Schools of Dance (Jack McAndrew Memorial Tent) and pipe bands will again entertain people of all ages.

All Throughout the Day

The Jack McAndrew Memorial Traditional Tent Lineup
Chaired by Michelle Carter and Stephen Gara

- 11:30- 1:30 pm Open Seisiun with The Rising Of The Moon Seisiun Players and Sean Griffin
- 1:30- 2:00 pm Kelly-Oster School of Irish Dance
- 2:00- 2:15 pm Maura Mulligan reads from Call of The Lark
- 2:15- 4:15 pm Open Seisiun with Mary Courtney, Donie Carroll and Guests
- 4:15- 4:30 pm Ray O'Hanlon - (Editor Irish Echo) reads from South Lawn Plot
- 4:30- 5:00 pm Kelly-Oster School of Irish Dance
- 5:00- 7:00 pm Open Seisiun with Don Meade & Tom Dunne

Following a tremendously popular debut in 2012, the Traditional Session, the remarkable youthful dancers from Kelly Oster School of Irish Dance and a terrific display of Irish art and culture are yours to enjoy once again at the Jack McAndrew Memorial Cultural Tent. This is your chance to enjoy the legendary Rising of the Moon Seisiun, and seisiun standouts Mary Courtney, Donie Carroll. Don Meade, Stephen Gara & Sean Griffin, as they join John Mahon, Tom Dunne, Michelle Carter, Mike O'Hanlon and a host of talented musicians, singers, storytellers and our great local dancers. The tent will also feature readings and book-signings by Irish authors, Ray O'Hanlon (Dublin born Editor of the Irish Echo and author of 'The South Lawn Plot' and 'The New Irish Americans') and Maura Mulligan (Mayo born author of 'Call of the Lark').



Our Massed Pipebands are joined by the Finest Pipe Bands in the Hudson Valley!

The 2014 Hudson Valley Fest Pipe Band Coordinator, Colleen Kelly, has assembled our area's great Pipe Bands. In 2014 we are proud to include Hudson Valley Irish Fest favorites, the Pipes & Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester County, Hudson Highlands Pipes and Drums, and the Pipes and Drums of the Fire Department Emerald Society of Westchester County

to perform throughout the day, culminating with a massed pipe band extravaganza joining Pipe Major Joe Brady Jr. in performing the "Firefighter Creed" sung by Tim Murphy and Friends in tribute to the Heroes of 9/11, our Fallen Police, Fire and Uniformed Public Servants and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

MUNDY

This is your chance to see Ireland's hitmaker and one of it's best singer/songwriters, Mundy right here in the Hudson Valley! Mundy was born Edmund Enright in the rural town of Birr, County Offaly, in 1976. At age 18, Mundy moved to Dublin and began performing on infamous busker haven Grafton Street, and at open-mike nights at the nearby International Bar. Five albums and many millions of fans later, Irish Central says "Mundy completed a successful US tour earlier this year that included a performance at The White House on St. Patrick's Day. His 2008 version of Galway Girl spent five weeks at #1 on the Irish singles chart. He has shared a stage with Oasis and The White Stripes amongst others and his hits include July, Mexico and Gin & Tonic Sky." Visit www.mundy.ie for more on this great musician.



BLACK 47

Black 47 are to us the houseband of Irish America and the soundtrack of New York for the last 3 decades. Come see the bold Larry Kirwan and Black 47, his flying column **ONE LAST TIME** at the Hudson Valley Irish Fest.

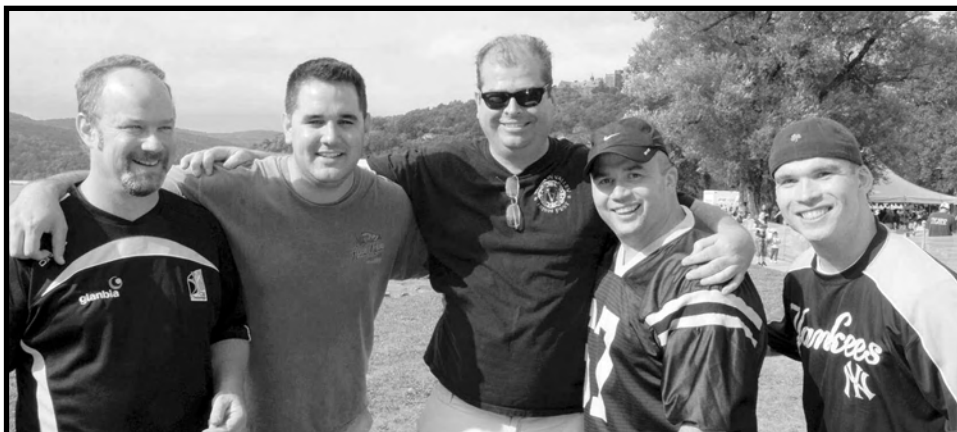
"...An unashamedly topical wallop of the early-Seventies Jersey-bar E Street Band and the Combat Rock-era Clash, laced with the mourning siren of uilleann pipes." – Rolling Stone

JAMESON'S REVENGE

This band and its members are Hudson Valley Irish Fest favorites. The group's main line-up is comprised of Brian McCarthy (bodhran, percussion), Andrew McCarrick (flute, whistles), John Walsh (guitar, vocals) and Denis McCarthy (fiddle, whistles). Outside of their work as artists they are generous, humorous and inventive individuals who help their community. The remarkable 'Sandy Sessions', which brought aid to distressed members of the shoreline community post-Hurricane Sandy and many other worthy charitable events were spearheaded by this band and their friends. Back in 2006, a loosely connected group of Irish and American musicians living in The Bronx & Westchester would spontaneously meet up at different seisiuns around town from time to time to sit down, play, have a few laughs (pints) and let the tunes go where they may.

After a short time they began to play various events and gigs at different music venues but no line-up would ever be the same from one gig to another. In March '08 they collaborated on and released a cd titled "Straight from the Bottle" in the hopes of featuring the music from these extremely talented players. To this day some folks still regard the album as: "one of the best Trad-Irish compilations no-one has ever heard".

Jameson's Revenge's newest album titled, "While yer up" is an eleven track, hour-long journey of "Traditional" Irish music focusing on the group's tune-writing ability and showcasing exceptional musical skill on their respective instruments. With eight completely original sets of tunes along with three traditional songs mixed in for good measure J.R. shows why they the premiere Traditional Irish groups of the NYC area today.- See more at: <http://www.jamesonsrevenge.com/albums/#sthash.kXoOz5mP.dpuf>



THE DRUIDS

Irish Rebel Band from Co. Kildare Ireland, burst on to the music scene early in 2009. They play to packed houses wherever they play. In 2010 and 2011 THE DRUIDS played over 500 shows on tours of Scotland, Ireland, and Europe including the world famous Barrowlands in April 2010. The lads played Santa Ponsa Spain for the World CELTIC FC Supporters Convention to over 10,000 fans. THE DRUIDS won Best Band at "The Leinster Entertainment Award 2011" The Songs of Struggle award in Germany 2011. In 2012 they received the album of the year for their Starry Plough album.



TIM MURPHY

Tim Murphy, "the Bard of the Hudson" is a singer songwriter who has penned the Firefighters Creed, the official song of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the NY State Capital. His song, "The Wall" about the Vietnam Wall in DC has been performed by many world renowned artists. A local hero and a national treasure, Tim's enchanting music is not to be missed.



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It is also made possible by dedicated and hardworking volunteers from our community and
Men and Women Hibernians of Division 18 Peekskill, Westchester County, NYS and National Boards.*

Working with the Hudson Valley Irish Fest Inc., Division 18 reaches into its own community and Catholic parishes for membership. It also looks for ways to help the surrounding area. Locally, Division 18 runs donor events including a coat drive for St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor and supports This Is Me Foundation, the Keon Center, C.H.O.P., the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and many others. Are you proud to be Irish-born or Irish- American and Catholic? Please consider joining us! See the below AOH Information and application.

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America. Officially formed in New York in 1836, it was born in anger centuries earlier in Ireland, after successive invasions by those who tried to master the Irish, and alter their Gaelic life style. Inflexible opponents like the Vikings were fought until their power was broken; others, like the Normans, were absorbed until they became as Irish as the Irish themselves. Through it all, the Irish maintained their language, traditions, and religion. But in the Sixteenth century, a concentrated attack, unswervingly focused on the most precious part of their heritage — their religion — and proved to be their greatest challenge.

After several attacks on Irish and Church property, the Irish immigrant resorted to a familiar tactic. Those, who had been members of the AOH in Ireland, banded together in this new land, and in 1836, formed an American branch of their Order. True to their purpose, they stood guard to defend Church property, and though actual attacks were few and far between, the long, cold, and lonely nights of vigil were many. The early AOH in America remained a secret society, and little is known of its activities except that it provided a monetary stipend to immigrants who arrived as members in good standing from the Irish Order, and they assisted Irish immigrants in obtaining jobs and social

services. Quite naturally, the early AOH Divisions were nurseries for the preservation of Irish culture and traditions in America. Naturally, the early AOH Divisions were nurseries for the preservation of Irish culture and traditions in America.

In large measure, due to the significant contributions of the Irish in defending the Union during America's Civil War, it became unfashionable to be anti-Irish, and the bigoted Know Nothings faded away, taking their No Irish Need Apply signs with them. The AOH, on the other hand, grew stronger, following Irish immigrants as they worked their way across the country. As the need for militant support of their Church dwindled, the AOH shifted its purpose to charitable activities in support of the Church's missions, community service, and the promotion and preservation of their Irish cultural heritage in America. Today they stand, not only as the oldest Catholic Lay organization in America, but as the largest Irish society in the world with Divisions in Ireland, and 49 of the United States.

The AOH in America is partitioned into Divisions, County Boards, and State Boards, and is governed by a National Board elected every two years. The Division is the basic unit in the Order, and membership in a Division is membership in the Order. Even County, State, and National Officers, maintain membership in a local Division. Annual dances, concerts, and parades sponsored by all levels of the Order raise millions for charity, while providing a showcase for the positive

contributions of the Irish to every walk of American life.

Divisions usually support local charities within their geographic areas, while sending a portion of their monies to higher levels for support of state, national, and international charities. Subcommittees are often established to perform specific functions such as the administration of an annual Feis or Festival, the raising of a historic memorial, or providing instructions in such Irish subjects as history, bagpiping, dancing, and language.

The many Divisions and Hibernian Halls across the country have also traditionally provided a welcome for new immigrants. Here, the unique art, dance, music, and other interests of the Irish are fostered and preserved, making the AOH Hall a home away from home for many. Together, they are at the forefront of support for issues concerning the Irish, such as Immigration Reform, MacBride Legislation, and the Right to Life. They never forget their ancestral homeland either, and can always be found actively lobbying for, praying for, and working for the total independence of a united 32-county Ireland, as their constitution avows: "by all means constitutional and lawful."

As a potential Member to our Order you are seeking admittance to the finest and fastest growing Irish Catholic organization in the world. Our Catholic faith and our values are exemplified in our motto: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for admission into the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., and agree that my reception and continuance in said Order shall depend upon the truthfulness of my answers to the questions which are attached, and my answers are made by me for the purpose of obtaining admission into the Order. You must be Irish by birth or descent and a practicing Roman Catholic to become a member.

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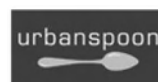
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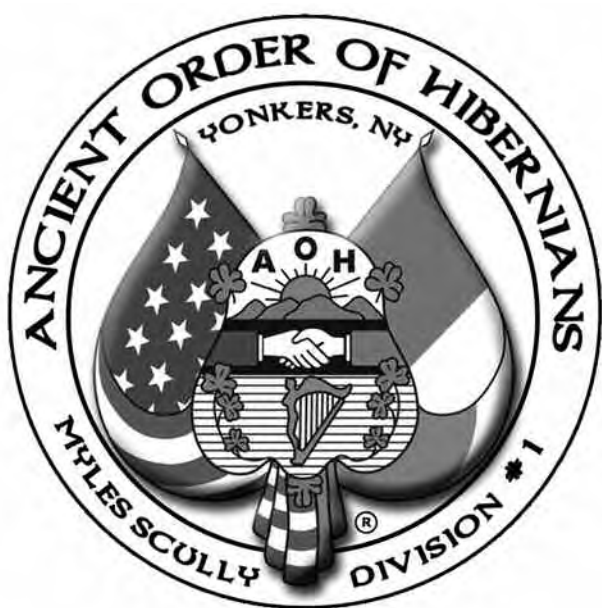


**Best Wishes to all at the
Hudson Valley Irish Fest!**

John Manning

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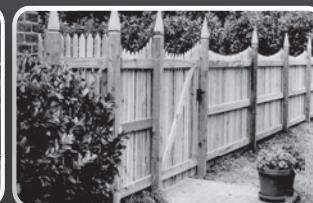
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